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8	BEFORE THE
9	CALIFORNIA BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
10	STATE OF CALIFORNIA
11	In the Matter of the Accusation Against: Case No. AC-2009-11
12	TRUDY NEWBERRY REED
.13	9550 Knight Lane ACCUSATION
14	Stockton, CA 95209
15	Certified Public Accountant Certificate No. 51681
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17	Respondent.
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19	Complainant alleges:
20	<u>PARTIES</u>
	1. Patti Bowers (Complainant) brings this Accusation solely in her official
21	capacity as the Executive Officer of the California Board of Accountancy.
22	2. On or about November 18, 1988, the California Board of Accountancy,
23	(hereinafter "Board") issued Certified Public Accountant License Number CPA 51681 to Trudy
24	Newberry Reed (Respondent). The Certified Public Accountant License expired on October 1,
25	2008, and has not been renewed.
26	3. On or about August 6, 2004, the Board issued a Fictitious Name Permit
27	No. 1428 to Respondent for Reed & Company.
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JURISDICTION

- 4. This Accusation is brought before the Board, under the authority of the following laws. All section references are to the Business and Professions Code unless otherwise indicated.
 - 5 Section 5100 states:

"After notice and hearing the board may revoke, suspend, or refuse to renew any permit or certificate granted under Article 4 (commencing with Section 5070) and Article 5 (commencing with Section 5080), or may censure the holder of that permit or certificate for unprofessional conduct that includes, but is not limited to, one or any combination of the following causes:

"(g) Willful violation of this chapter or any rule or regulation promulgated by the board under the authority granted under this chapter.

- 6. Section 5050 states in pertinent part:
- "(a) Except as provided in subdivision (b) and (c) of this section, in subdivision (a) of Section 5054, and in Section 5096.12, no person shall engage in the practice of public accountancy in this state unless the person is the holder of a valid permit to practice public accountancy issued by the board or a holder of a practice privilege pursuant to Article 5.1 (commencing with Section 5096.).
 - 7. Section 125.9 provides in pertinent part that:
- "(a) Except with respect to persons regulated under Chapter 11 (commencing with Section 7500), and Chapter 11.6 (commencing with Section 7590) of Division 3, any board, bureau, or commission within the department, the board created by the Chiropractic Initiative Act, and the Osteopathic Medical Board of California, may establish, by regulation, a system for the issuance to a licensee of a citation which may contain an order of abatement or an order to pay an administrative fine assessed by the board, bureau, or commission where the licensee is in violation of the applicable licensing act or any regulation adopted pursuant thereto.
 - (b) The system shall contain the following provisions:
 - (1) Citations shall be in writing and shall describe with particularity the nature of the

violation, including specific reference to the provision of law determined to have been violated.

- (2) Whenever appropriate, the citation shall contain an order of abatement fixing a reasonable time for abatement of the violation.
- (3) In no event shall the administrative fine assessed by the board, bureau, or commission exceed five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for each inspection or each investigation made with respect to the violation, or five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for each violation or count if the violation involves fraudulent billing submitted to an insurance company, the Medi-Cal program, or Medicare. In assessing a fine, the board, bureau, or commission shall give due consideration to the appropriateness of the amount of the fine with respect to factors such as the gravity of the violation, the good faith of the licensee, and the history of previous violations.
- (4) A citation or fine assessment issued pursuant to a citation shall inform the licensee that if he or she desires a hearing to contest the finding of a violation, that hearing shall be requested by written notice to the board, bureau, or commission within 30 days of the date of issuance of the citation or assessment. If a hearing is not requested pursuant to this section, payment of any fine shall not constitute an admission of the violation charged. Hearings shall be held pursuant to Chapter 5 (commencing with Section 11500) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code.
- (5) Failure of a licensee to pay a fine within 30 days of the date of assessment, unless the citation is being appealed, may result in disciplinary action being taken by the board, bureau, or commission. Where a citation is not contested and a fine is not paid, the full amount of the assessed fine shall be added to the fee for renewal of the license. A license shall not be renewed without payment of the renewal fee and fine.

8. Section 5051 states in pertinent part:

"Except as provided in Sections 5052 and 5053, a person shall be deemed to be engaged in the practice of public accountancy within the meaning and intent of [Chapter 1 of Division 3 (commencing with Section 5000)] if he or she does any of the following:

"(a) Holds himself or herself out to the public in any manner as one skilled in the knowledge, science, and practice of accounting, and as qualified and ready to render professional

- "(b) Maintains an office for the transaction of business as a public accountant.
- "(g) Prepares or signs, as the tax preparer, tax returns for clients.
- 9. California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 95.4, provides that:

"The failure of a licensee to comply with a citation containing an assessment of administrative fine, an order of correction or abatement or both an administrative fine and an order of correction or abatement after this citation is final and has been served in accordance with the provisions of Section 11505(c) of the Government Code shall constitute a ground for revocation or suspension of the license or permit."

10. Section 5107 of the Code provides, in pertinent part, that, "The executive officer of the board may request the administrative law judge, as part of the proposed decision in a disciplinary proceeding, to direct any holder of a permit or certificate found to have committed a violation or violations of this chapter to pay to the board all reasonable costs of investigation and prosecution of the case, including, but not limited to, attorneys' fees. The board shall not recover costs incurred at the administrative hearing."

FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Failure to Comply with Citation)

- 11. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under sections 5100 (g) in conjunction with 125.9 and Code of Regulations, Title 16, section 95.4, in that she failed to comply with citation number CT-2009-1 issued by the Board. The circumstances are as follows:
- 12. On or about July 21, 2008, the Board issued Citation Number CT-2009-1 alleging that respondent failed to respond to a subpoena issued by the Board on April 7, 2008. Respondent was also fined in the amount of \$2,500. Respondent did not appeal the citation and the citation became final on August 21, 2008. To date, Respondent has not complied with the order of abatement nor has she paid the fine.

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SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Practice Without a Valid License)

- 13. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under section 5050 in conjunction with section 5051 of the code in that Respondent held herself out as a Certified Public Accountant at a time when her license had expired and was not renewed. The circumstances are as follows:
- 14. On or about October 15, 2008, Board Investigative CPA Fisher made an unannounced visit to Respondent's office. The sign on the building stated: "Trudy Reed, CPA". The office was open and Investigative CPA Fisher was greeted by a receptionist.
- 15. On October 15, 2008, Investigative CPA Fisher spoke to Respondent at her office and informed her that her license had expired and she was not licensed to practice as a CPA. Respondent stated that she "had four tax returns to get done" and she could not meet with Investigative CPA Fisher.

PRAYER

WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters herein alleged, and that following the hearing, the California Board of Accountancy issue a decision:

- 1. Revoking or suspending or otherwise imposing discipline upon Certified Public Accountant License Number CPA 51681, issued to Trudy Newberry Reed.
- 2. Ordering Trudy Newberry Reed to pay the Board the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of this case, pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 5107;

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1	3. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.
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